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At approximately 10 a.m. this morning Greenwood County Sheriff Matt Samuels and two deputies were attempting to serve warrants on an individual at a rural residence approximately 6 miles north of Virgil, Kansas. Sheriff Samuels was shot and a barricade situation has developed at the residence. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas Attorney General's office have responded to the scene to assist the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office. Three other individuals were taken into custody and, other than the barricaded subject no other persons are thought to be involved.

Sheriff Samuels was taken to the hospital in Eureka and then flown to a hospital in Wichita where he died. Sheriff Samuel's family has been notified.

No additional information is available at this time, but another release will be issued when the barricade situation is resolved.

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